

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4391

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DEPT PLS PASS USDEL

E.O. 11652: X-GDS-1

TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO CANADA

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AND I MADE IN-  
STRUCTED APPROACH TODAY AUGUST 9 TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY GOLDSCHLAG, IN ABSENCE MINISTER  
AND UNDER SECRETARY.

2. GOLDSCHLAG PROMISED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESPOND  
BEFORE AUGUST 12 MEETING IN LONDON

3. GOLDSCHLAG PROBED PARTICULARLY HARD AT PARA 11 C ON  
THE UN ZIMBABWE FORCE. ITS ROLE WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT, HE  
POINTED OUT, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THERE WERE OR WERE NOT  
FULL AGREEMENT FROM ALL PARTIES. IF NOT, THE JOINT PRO-  
POSAL WOULD APPEAR TO INVOLVE THE UN FORCE NOT ONLY IN  
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SEPARATION OF THE OPPOSING FORCES, BUT IN DIRECT POLICE  
ACTION. GOLDSCHLAG SAID HE ASSUMED THAT WE WERE NOT AT  
THIS POINT REQUESTING CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE FORCE  
(WE CONFIRMED) BUT NOTED THAT CANADA WOULD HAVE A PARTICU-  
LAR INTEREST IN THE FORMULATION OF THIS POINT AS A MEMBER  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL "WITH A PEACE-KEEPING VOCATION."  
HE ASKED FOR ANY CLARIFICATION WE COULD GIVE HIM THIS

WEEK OF THE PRECISE DUTIES ENVISAGED FOR THE ZIMBABWE  
FORCE.

4. GOLDSCHLAG ASKED WHAT DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WE WOULD RE-  
QUIRE BEFORE GOING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE REPLIED  
THAT THAT WAS CLEARLY A MATTER OF JUDGMENT, BUT THAT AGREE-  
MENT BY THE PARTIES WAS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE PROPOSAL AS  
A PREREQUISITE TO SECURITY COUNCIL REFERENCE.

5. GOLDSCHLAG ASKED IN WHAT WAY THE EXPANSION OF CURRENT  
SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA MIGHT IMPINGE ON SOUTH AFRICA.  
WOULD THE SECURITY COUNCIL CALL ON OTHER COUNTRIES TO WITH-  
HOLD AMOUNTS OF ARMS AND OIL EQUIVALENT TO THOSE THOUGHT  
TO BE SUPPLIED BY SOUTH AFRICA TO RHODESIA? HE ASKED FOR  
ANY FURTHER DETAILS WE COULD GIVE HIM ON THIS POINT BEFORE  
THURSDAY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CLARIFICATION OF POINTS RAISED IN  
PARAS 3 AND 5 ABOVE COULD ASSIST IN OBTAINING FAVORABLE  
REACTION FROM CANADIANS. ENDERS

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED USDEL.

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